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Healing Transitions Study Guide

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1. **Almost 9% (22 million people) of people in the US, over the age of 12, meet the criteria for a drug or alcohol use disorder. That's almost 1 out of 10 people. You likely know someone that struggles with addiction. What assumptions does our society make about people with addictions?**
2. **What do you think people living with addiction do if they can't afford rehab and don't have access to facilities like Healing Transitions?**
3. **In our interview with Colby, she said she learned that everyone reacts to a person struggling with addiction by disowning them, and cutting them out of their lives. She says that, instead, we are supposed "to be loving, even to people who aren't related to you." What are some ways that you can show love to those struggling with addiction-- whether you know them personally or not?**
4. **There are so many instances in the Bible of Jesus befriending those the world had stereotyped as unworthy of friendship (similar to how we judge addicts and alcoholics today). We often assume a lot about a person's background and struggles without really taking the time to get to know them. Read the story of the Samaritan woman (John 4:4-26).**
 1. **Why do you think the community would have judged the woman? (Society would have judged her for having five husbands, and living with a man who wasn't her husband, without knowing her circumstances).**
 2. **How does Jesus respond when he meets the woman at the well? (Jesus does not judge her, only offering the hope of the resurrection).**
 3. **If by following Jesus' example, we take the time to get to know people, instead of judging off of first impressions, how might our relationships with people be different? How might the world be different?**